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## For: CONNECTION OF A BONE SCREW TO A BONE PLATE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please substitute the following amended, clean version of the Abstract (a marked-up version of the changes to the Abstract is attached to this Amendment):

## CONNECTION OF A BONE SCREW TO A BONE PLATE

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

With the invention the connection of a bone screw (12) to a bone plate (7) is shown. The head (13) of the bone screw (12) lies with a ring-shaped outer surface (10) in contact on a counter-surface (25) and can be fixed with a securing screw (15) which can be screwed in in the direction towards the counter-surface (25). In this the height (16) of the bone plate (7) is chosen such that it is less than or equal to the shaft diameter (19) of the bone screw

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